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RE: FAA-2002-14149; Special Flight Rules, Los Angeles International Airport

To Whom It May Concern:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing the interests of over 390,000 general aviation and professional pilots nationwide, supports the proposed revisions and codification of the Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 51-1.

The proposed change will help facilitate safety and efficiency of air traffic in the Los Angeles basin by providing a much more clear and concise depiction of the airspace encompassed by SFAR-51. The modifications also allow for the development of improved transition routes for General Aviation aircraft in the vicinity of LAX, while continuing to allow VFR aircraft full access to the transition route.

The proposed modifications provide necessary clarification to the current SFAR and we encourage the FAA to act promptly to implement the changes with charting updates to follow.

Respectfully,

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